

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5, 9-17, and 21-22 stand rejected. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 19 and 23 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 6.

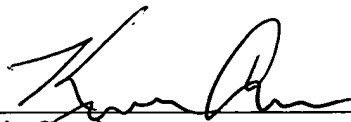
Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 6 and should now be in condition for allowance. To further prosecution, claim 21 has been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled and amended claims in a future application.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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